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Whose Invisible Editor is the Conqueror on the white horse—the new Initiate in his solar body.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat (the fruit) of the tree of life which is in the middle of the Garden of the God.

The award to the Conqueror, is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the Conqueror is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the oblivion of the second death.

The Conqueror—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna; and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

The Conqueror—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

The Conqueror shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

"Son of Man"

OR, THE SEQUEL TO EVOLUTION

—By CELESTIA ROOT LANG—

"DIVINE incarnation is the cause of creation. And the relation of the vital union existing between God and nature is expressed in the successive planes of incarnation of the Christ-principle or divine energy. This brings the question of 'First Cause,' within the domain of science. The Christ-principle theory or psychic evolution shows that all these beautiful laws (of evolution) are the necessary results of the incarnation of divine energy; that these laws are explained by the doctrine of the divine mode of incarnation or planes of divine energy, and thus a new science comes into being and Christology becomes a physical science.

As to the scientific method of investigating the laws of evolution on the higher psychological planes, the author commends the comparative one so successfully adopted in anatomy, physiology, and embryology—the soul of man must be studied in relation to what corresponds to it in the lower animals—and asks:

"Will not Christology become truly scientific only through comparative Christology, i. e., by the study of the spirit of God in relation to what corresponds to it in man?"

ON the subject of individual immortality the author's views are clear and pronounced—"Narrow is the way," she tells us.

"Spirit individuality explains, as nothing else can, all that is characteristic of a Christ-man, one in whom the Christ or divine principle has come to birth. This also means separate life, spirit viability, immortality. Spirit consciousness espe-

cially seems to me the simplest sign of separate entity or spirit individuality, and its appearance among psychical phenomena the very act of spirit-birth. The change from the one to the other is like to a birth into a higher plane, the beginning of another cycle of evolution. In the beginning of psychical life, the Christ-principle is but an appendage of the body, in the end the body is but the vehicle of the immortal spirit.

"The fatal mistake in theology is in supposing that the human soul is immortal; i. e., capable of individual spirit existence. It is analogous to the theory that every monkey is on the highway to become a man. Many monkeys came into being, but few attained to humanity; many human souls, too, have come into being, but few will attain immortality. The animam, or soul of man, on the rational plane, is not immortal; the Christ-man only has a distinct personality or spirit individuality. Material evolution finds its goal in man, psychic evolution in a Christ-man.

"The first cause, the direct will of the Deity, is expressed by divine incarnation,—divine energy passing into matter and form."

For this remarkable work the author claims, and we think justly, that it is thoroughly consistent with the spirit of the teachings of Jesus and the evolution theory. Her citations from Scripture are wonderfully apt. Indeed, she presents many of Christ's sayings in an entirely new light, apparently justifying her claim to an interpretation of Christianity from a higher plane of spiritual insight.

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HERBERT HOOVER—A BRITISH PRESIDENT

GOD HELP the American Republic if the People elect Herbert Hoover to the Presidential Chair in November, 1928, for then King George will win what George III. lost, and without a drop of blood, and the blood of our forefathers will be sacrificed upon the altar of greed, gold and possession. The American People are going to perdition with a materialistic mass consciousness weighing them down, and now so low that a Roman Catholic asks to lead them by the right hand, while the King of England has secured a pawn to represent him in the person of Herbert Hoover.

If Hoover is elected by the American People who vote for him for fear of the Catholic influence of the Pope over Al Smith, then we shall be standardized, sterilized and hynotized by this New God of Mammon, and what we experience on wheatless days and meatless days will be mild with what this British subject

will subject us to in order to break the Will of the People and the Spirit of the Republic in order to make us Foreign and International.

This bird who asks us to elect him to the Presidential Chair on the Republican Ticket is as two-faced as Judas. During his proclamation of wheatless days and meatless days, when he asked the good American People as a war measure to refrain from eating bread and meat in order to conserve supplies for the fighting boys over seas, was, according to an eye-witness, sitting at his table at the New Willard Hotel, at Washington, D. C., eating all the meat and wheat that his British paunch could hold, and forgetting that others upon whom he had placed his ban of non-meat eating, perhaps needed the meat which he in his selfishness and disdainful attitude was consuming.

We only need to look at Hoover's picture to know what to expect during his four years of agony to the Republic. A square lower jaw, heavy with animalistic tendencies, a stub-nose, that closes all avenues to the human heart, and a head like a wild boar and thick-set neck that proposes to bleed America to the last drop and bring us to International Standards and materialistic tastes even if he has to declare a new war to accomplish the task his Master, King George of England, has assigned him.

And taking a glance at Mr. Hoover's wife, the face has about as much expression of an American lady's, as Queen Mary's of England. Both foreign in looks and appearance, and with a record for gaul, greed and a suitable appetite to milk the Goddess of Liberty, what can we expect under the reign of Hoover?

Hell, War, Terror and a New Move to Break the

Republic at all costs, and the American People will rue the day they voted to doom their Republic to defeat for a Foreign Subject who took no interest in American affairs until he was 50 years old, having spent most of his life abroad.

Can't we elect an American without having to go to Rome or England for our man; or are we ashamed of our American birthright and heritage and would rather a foreign government should rule us than our very own?

HOOVER OR SMITH: THE DEVIL OR THE DEEP BLUE SEA—WHICH?

THE RE-CONQUEST OF AMERICA— BRITISH HERBERT HOOVER, THE EMPIRE BUILDER

THE Re-Conquest of America is going on quietly but nevertheless steadily, and now with a confirmed Britisher, Herbert Hoover asking the American Electorate to elevate him to the Presidential Chair the ominous portents take on dangerous aspect, and we had best be on our guard, or else the British will effect a *coup de etat* that will surprise the world in carrying out the will of the late Andrew Carnegie and Cecil Rhodes who worked ceaselessly during their natural lives to bring the United States of America again under the British Crown.

We might advert to short report published in the columns of the Chicago Daily Tribune taken from the trial of the infamous William McAndrew, who was suspended as superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools owing to his underhanded methods to destroy the allegiance of the American school children to their

Country and its Flag. Should Herbert be elected to the presidency of these United States he would undoubtedly out-Andrew McAndrew in his loyality and fealty to the British Crown as Hoover is another tory sent to America to play the double role of countryman and foe, and with his position as head of the Nation could destroy us completely were England and America to engage in war during the Hoover administration, which war could be cleverly declared with the wise Herbert pulling the strings to completely destroy the American Republic, and turn us over to King George and his tory band of autocrats.

Listen: "School Teachers Testify."

Miss Mary E. Lynch, assistant to the principal of the Raymond school, testified to the disappearance of pictures of the "Boston Tea Party" and "The Spirit of '76" from the walls of that school in 1926. Miss Rosalie Didier, teacher at the Hawthorne school, testified that pictures of Old Ironsides and George Washington had been relegated to the basement in that school. Miss Didier gave evidence concerning the teaching of history at the University of Chicago, in a class for 23 school teachers conducted by Prof. Howard Hill. She referred to Prof. Arthur M. Schlesinger's history, which was used. This called Washington a rebel, she said, and referred to the Boston Tea Party as the work of vandals.

"It was the most dangerous British propaganda ever perpetrated," she said, "to tell us that was the way we should teach young America. Schlesinger should be in a cell in federal prison."

She said there was very little patriotism taught in the public schools. The board of examiners, of which

Mr. McAndrew is head, was asleep, she said, when approving of that history course for teachers.

Schrader Takes the Stand

Mr. Schrader gave his testimony aided by a few questions. "This country is in a formative stage," he said. "It is a country of immigrants receiving daily accessions. The interest of the country would be to assimilate and nationalize the new arrivals as rapidly as possible. It should be our object to arouse pride and interest in the affairs and history of this country, give the immigrants an opportunity to share in the pride of ancestry and the achievements of noted men of their own race.

"Look at what the French have done. They discovered practically all of the west and helped in the foundation of the American republic. The Poles sent Kosciusko and Pulaski; the Germans, Von Steuben, who organized Washington's army. Conrad Weizer and Christian Frederick Post kept the Indians quiet during the colonial period. We cannot exaggerate the importance of making American history tell the truth.

"We meet a determined propaganda to denationalize the American people, reaching to the source of this pride, polluting the books of history in public schools. We find the publishers of American histories confessedly English led, with connections in London.

Assails Publisher Putnam

I call attention to one noted publisher, George H. Putnam, of New York, born in London. In a Fourth of July speech Putnam apologized for the American revolution. He said the Loyalists had a fair cause to defend, the cause of good government in the colonies, whether it would be better for good government to

improve the royal method rather than breaking away into dubious independence. I think he publishes books used in the Chicago schools.

"In 1919 Lord Northcliffe gave out an interview in Philadelphia, in which he said that the syndicate which he headed controlled eighteen successful papers in leading American cities.

"On July 4, 1919, his paper, the London Times, declared that an efficiently organized propaganda was urgently needed to mobilize the press, church, stage and cinema and the educational systems of both countries, to root the spirit of good will in the homes and schools. He urged that the history texts be revised and that hundreds of exchange scholarships be provided.

PROPAGANDA COST REPORTED

"Louis Tracey, English novelist, who was in charge of the British bureau of information in America, in the New York Sun of Nov. 10, 1919, told how America was kept under the spell of British propaganda during the two years of the war. The director of the exchequer reported this had cost the British government $155,000,000.

"The new school of scientific historians has emasculated our national heroes and carefully suppressed the contributions of the real men of the country. We are told that England conferred independence on this country as an act of good will.

Mr. Schrader then took up the will of Cecil Rhodes, made in 1899, in which the empire builder disclosed his plan for the extension of British rule throughout the world, referring to the "ultimate recovery of the United States as an integral part of the British empire."

More of Rhodes Plan

In a letter to William T. Stead Rhodes wrote, according to the witness, that if joint sessions of the house of commons and the United States congress could be managed the peace of the world would be secured for eternity.

The suggestion was made in the letter for a five-year session in Washington and a five-year session in London, he added.

"The work is merrily going on to annex the United States," said Mr. Schrader.

"Sholarships Part of Scheme"

"The Rhodes scholarships are part of the scheme. They mean 2,000 or 3,000 Rhodes graduates in the prime of life scattered over the English world, each impressed, with the dream of union of our people. Suppose the Carnegie fund was used to develop the feeling in Canada that it would be better to be annexed to the United States?

"The most effective medium of spreading this propaganda is the public schools. Whoever controls the schools and builds a sentiment not absolutely loyal to ideals of our own country has a powerful weapon to destroy that nation, estrange it from landmarks.

"Social influence has a great bearing, the condescension shown by titled persons. I have access to a list of 2,000 decorations bestowed by the British government. They embrace almost all the heads of our great universities, and many prominent editors. I could name two in this city who are wearing the decorations of the British government. This has a tremendous influence. Gladstone and Carlyle refused them. There is a perfect mania in America to get them.

Hits at Library Shelves

"There are many people still living who think democracies are not respectable. Our libraries are swamped with efforts to denationalize the United States and incorporate with the British Empire.

"There is evidence that people are thinking about war between the United States and Great Britain."

The witness quoted from an article in the Army and Navy Journal for October 29, and from a statement attributed to Theodore Roosevelt that for 90 years the British navy had been the greatest menace to this country. He spoke of the recent English navy program and the review of the new Japanese fleet. All this, he said "ominously points toward war."

And with a British Traitor at the Helm of Our American Government, America would be defeated, and the dreams of Cecil Rhodes and Andrew Carnegie would be realized.

In "The North American Review," June, 1893, Mr. Carnegie wrote: "Let men say what they will, I say that as surely as the sun in the heavens once shone upon Britain and America united, so surely is it one morning to rise, to shine upon, to greet again, the reunited states—The British American Union." And Herbert Hoover as our next President would be the ideal man to bring about and consummate this devout union, as Herbert Hoover is as British and un-American as were either Cecil Rhodes or Andrew Carnegie.

WHY VOTE FOR HERBERT HOOVER WHEN HE IS A PART OF THIS BRITISH SCHEME TO DENATIONALIZE US?

THE NEW PRESIDENT

THE NEW PRESIDENT is a Spiritual President and by that I mean that his spiritual perception is so organized that he can tell just what the People want, how they will act under certain circumstances and just where to strike when the enemies are about to betray the Republic and destroy the Democratic form of government.

I admit things spiritual today do not go down the throat of the average American, and all the general run seek is a continuation of the present reign of greed and gold and their share of the profits and they are satisfied and to hell with the fate of the Republic. Give me enough to eat and wear and a good job and make business good and no matter if British Hoover or Catholic Al Smith gets in, I'm perfectly satisfied; the fate of the Republic doesn't worry me in the least, and there all calamity howlers who warn them of the Anglosization or Romanization of America.

You would be surprised, however, how many people, good Americans sense the great danger that lies immediately at our door and know in their hearts that the Briton and Roman Catholic were placed in the closet by the Invisible Government which secretly rules America today. These demoniaical rascals laugh up their sleeves at the trick they have played on the American People in order to catch them in their International Stranglehold and bait the traps with British Beef and Roman Spawn, but perforce, the old American Rabbit will refuse to bite on either bait and instead kick the whole damn business into the Atlantic Ocean, and openly declare war on the Gold element who have betrayed them into this International Jungle,

where they propose to strangle the American individuality out of America and concoct another World War that will sink us so far into Death, Debt and the Devil's Hole that the American Republic will sink beneath the waves of Foreignism and international finance and all our ideals will be destroyed and the aims of the Forefathers defeated past resurrection and Human Liberty is a broken shibboleth fit to hang in the King's court and dining room, a picture of the game that was good once upon a time, but now long ago extinct.

Don't you see what they are doing? Challenging the American People openly to vote for this or that. Hoover or Smith. Knowing all the time that both candidates will betray America and be led by the very element who nominated them at Kansas City and Houston.

Now the New President of whom I speak must soon come forth and present his credentials to the people. I say he must soon come forth, for the law of evolution and of the perpetuation of the Spiritual Republic *always acts* at that critical moment when the Spirit of the Republic senses the danger and calls forth a MAN to meet every situation demanded of a Spiritual Leader.

And who is this man? Is he living in Chicago, New York, Frisco or Boston? He is living in neither place, but in the Eternal, and when he comes forth and presents his credentials, all the Sons of Liberty will at once recognize him, that he is the party chosen by the Powers from on High to protect the Republic and act as an agent of the invisible hosts.

The New Man can defeat both Hoover and Smith and have enough votes left to form a New Party of

his own. He will be chosen at a third party convention and be called the People's Party Candidate and will be elected over both candidates already chosen by the corrupt elements of Wall Street, London and Rome. After his election there will be a concerted move on foot by the corrupt element who have taken their defeat at heart to waylay the People's Candidate, deport him if possible and discredit him in the eyes of the Whole World.

But you will see him inaugurated and when he takes hold of this Government, the Mighty Forces of the Spiritual Realms will work in conjunction with him and you will see Great Britain and the Roman Catholic Church buried beneath the fire of the Stars and Stripes which they have secretly plotted to waylay and destroy.

The New President greets his own when the Spirit calls him forth. —HARRY R. LANG.

THE HIGHER SELF

MUCH speculation is rife regarding the authority with which man clothes himself as a free, independent thinker, capable of expressing himself with a position of positive knowledge that emanates from his own self and not from any source anterior to himself, which is not himself in the ultimate. Throughout the Bible and Holy Books of all ages, the Self finds expression, the Higher Self than which there is no other, and men have debated for ages whether this Higher Self which now manifests itself as the Higher Self of every man, woman and child is one in its manifestation, simply seeking to express itself through human incarnation or whether the incarnation of many

souls is not evolving this Higher Self and giving it more vent for future evolutionary development. In a nutshell, is God imperfect? and does God need evolution to evolve Himself, and if so, physical manifestation is real, as the word reality can be applied to our physical senses. Or, is God the summum bonum of perfection and we mere scintillating satellites revolving about his cosmos acting our part of the divine drama which he ordains to be, in the manner of biblical phraseology, "and so it came to pass," or, as it was to be fulfilled according to Divine Law, he did this and he did that. Making all outward physical manifestation unreal in its real sense, for what is God alone is real, all else is but maya or illusion.

This single thought has been seeking expression in the writer's mind for many years, and now that he has arrived at the gate or portal of development where he demands to know the knowledge of the cause of existence, and its purpose of manifestation, is given him. What is the meaning of physical plane embodiment of man? Why does God need to incarnate in a World of sin and imperfection if he is himself perfect? Surely, you say, we have a solution in the Bhagavad Gita, "I produce myself by a part of myself and still I remain separate." This may satisfy the minds of the Hindus, but I must confess it does not satisfy me, who am seeking his Heart with all the life that is in me.

Gentlemen, I believe that God is Man and Man is God, and the feeling that we all have of being a being superior to ourselves is the positive evidence that Man is not God until Man is himself. In other words, we as a Race have not risen high enough in the scale of evolution to function as the God in Man, or Man-

God. True, Masters, Sages and Adepts adown the ages have each one in a measure struck the key-note or vocal-chord of the Master or Higher Self, *but they did not consciously realize their Divinity,* no, not even Jesus of Nazareth, or else we human mortals would not today be swallowed up in sin, and suffering on a cross of matter. Had Jesus attained to the Christ-hood, his separate bodies, you and I, and the devil in the gutter would have disappeared off the face of human creation and the Son of God would have long ere this returned to his Father's House and enjoyed the fruits thereof.

Do I deny Jesus Christ of Nazareth? Do I deny his Divinity? Do I deny that he ever become one with the Father which claim he made throughout the Scriptures? I confess, dear Truth-Seeker, I do. For had Jesus become at-one with the Father in Heaven and his parts, would have been again joined together in Heaven, and your Higher Self and my Higher Self would be today so intertwined and correlated, that we would know, feel and recognize our one-ness here on earth with each other, and we would all know the past, present and future of human evolution, whither we are going, from whence we came, and just where we stand today.

How many among our Christian contemporaries do know just where they stand today? Not one of them, no, not even the clerics, who are supposed to know but who do not. Why? *Because Jesus Christ, whom they worship, did not reach the height they claim for him,* and until some advanced soul does make the grade, and attains Cosmic Consciousness on the Earth plane, the consciousness of the individual will continue

to seek possessions and own this and that, whereas, *to know and Be at one with the Father,* eliminates the earth-plane existence and the doors of Heaven and Paradise are opened to you, and you find your Higher Self to be many parts in ONE BODY.

—Harry E. Richeimer.

"ALL MEN ARE CREATED FREE AND EQUAL"

"WHAT changes have been wrought in this Nation since then" (the Proclamation of the Declaration of Independence.") "What vicissitudes have chartered the affairs of mankind since the Declaration of Independence was promulgated on July 4, 1776.

"The Liberty Bell rang out the motto inscribed upon its rugged exterior.

"Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto all the inhabitants thereof."

"That message was a tocsin to potentates and autocrats in foreign lands, but to the peoples of the whole world it was a promise of coming freedom from the yoke of individual rule established by might or by no more than the accident of royal birth.

"The fundamental principle upon which the United States of America stands is that all men are born equal. In the eyes of the law.

"They are not born equal in many respects is obvious. Some are born rich, some poor; some healthy; some diseased; some weak, some strong; some in God's Country, some in the Devil's slums.

"But this government is founded upon the justice that all men are born equal in the eyes of the law.

The foregoing editorial, evidently by Arthur Brisbane, in the Chicago Herald & Examiner of July 4th, 1928, bespeaks a reply from one who would like to set Mr. Brisbane and his materialistic ideas right on Equality and Freedom.

He stresses equality in the eyes of the law, but fails to tell us what Freedom constitutes in the eyes of the law, and his failure to cope with Freedom in the eyes of the law, shows us conclusively that the Law of Freedom being a Spiritual Law, is the reason why Mr. Brisbane, a rank materialist, fails to elucidate the Freedom we must have in order to have equality.

If all men are created free and equal, *then the Creator must be in them,* then must they all be one in his eyes, and being one in his eyes, materialistic values which Mr. Brisbane and others stress, such as wealth, health, surroundings and material environment, have nothing whatsoever to do with the Spirit within, which makes us all Free and Equal.

The hidden import behind this fundamental principle upon which the United States of America stands, namely, that "All men are created free and equal," is that the Creator stands here manifesting himself in ignorance, wisdom, wealth, poverty, health and sickness in the high as in the low; and for Mr. Brisbane to assert that because materialistic values are so diametrically opposed to each other, consequently the Spiritual import underlying this fundamental American Principle only applies "in the eyes of the law." He being the highest paid Editor in the United States, should know better than to write a Fourth of July Editorial "proclaiming Liberty throughout the land,

unto all the inhabitants thereof."

More, it was a message to the people of the Whole World, that it was a promise of freedom here on earth from the rule of the autocratic ecclesiastics, who hold mankind down to individual rule, that makes us all appear separate, instead of allowing the Spirit of Freedom, which is equality in Spirit and in Life to manifest itself and proclaim the New Freedom which ushers in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.

Until our leaders and thinkers, Presidents and statesmen, editorial writers and intellectual highbrows come to see that in order for all men to be Free and Equal here on Earth and enjoy the fruits thereof, the ideals upon which this American Republic was founded will come to naught and the hopes and aspirations of the Forefathers will die still born, unless a frank admission is made and the fact realized and observed in the letter or law and in the Spirit, that the moment that fundamental principle in its entirety comes into being and into force here on Earth today, simultaneously the New Order of Ages is inaugurated in Government, and God in Man becomes an articulate God, acting through His People in the manner of: "This day they worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, for 'All Men are Equal in His Sight, because His Sight is in them, a part of Himself, manifesting and come to birth in the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth, and the aims of our Forefathers are realized in a Spiritual Republic reborn and dedicated to Spiritual Freedom and Equality.'"

Then the materialistic differences which are today so apparent to Mr. Brisbane's mind will disappear and

he will see himself no more as a stumbling block to others, for he cannot be free in spirit until he sees them equal here on earth.

—Harry R. Lang.

A MARIONETTE MESSIAH

By W. Loftus Hare

ON March 31st, 1928, I attended a meeting, convened by the Order of the Star, held at Friends House in Euston Road, London. The building was soon crowded and before the platform party arrived was densely overcrowded. The corridors were packed and there were even people looking through the windows in the leaden roof.

This phenomenon needs explanation, for there was no very special advertisement campaign, and Mr. Krishnamurti has not been heard at public meeetings in London, although he has been heard of in the press for several years. London has fifteen hundred Theosophists and perhaps an equal number of Star adherents, both of which groups might be expected to find their way to the Friends Hall. Still, I never remember having seen such pressure on the doors before for any well-known public speaker.

The subject of Mr. Krishnamurti's address had not been announced, and therefore no special attraction can have been exercised by its fore-knowledge. It is difficult to estimate the numbers of "outsiders" present, but they were a large minority perhaps. On Mr. Krishnamurti's entering many stood up—perhaps half, and on his leaving a smaller number. The applause was very subdued at the end of his speech. The absence of the musical ritual, which accompanies Mrs.

Besant's white-robed figure at the Queen's Hall, made for restraint.

There was nothing in what the speaker might be expected to say—and what he did say—that would normally explain so large an attendance. Many a lecture and sermon given that day or the day after would have contained more information, more fire, more beauty and more stimulus. Briefly, it was a disappointment, but to me, not a surprise. It was exactly what I expected to hear, and I am hardly likely to go again, even as an "observer."

But still—why do the people come in such crowds? The answer is that they came in response to the long preparation of the atmosphere by Mrs. Besant and her colleagues, going back to the first decade of this century. For twenty years the drum of advertisement has been beaten for him, and the world has been told that he has 33 incarnations behind him which have prepared him to occupy the seat of "The World Teacher." By constant iteration—lectures, writings, conventions—a nimbus of belief has been prepared for him, into which, without any special contribution of his own, he steps and remains.

When, therefore, plain Mr. J. Krishnamurti is advertised to speak in London it really means for thousands that the World Teacher, The Christ, the Maitreya-Buddha (whose personality and functions have been for ten years explicitly attached to this young man) will actually appear in the flesh at the place named. It is due to nothing that Mr. Krishnamurti has said, written or sung in any land that he drew this large audience, but to years of incubation directed by Mr. Leadbeater and his hypnotized obedients. It was, at

least, emphatically necessary for the young prophet that he should support and justify the framework that had been prepared for him. But did he?

Mr. Krishnamurti said (about four times) that as he intended to speak but for 45 minutes, he must not be expected to enter into details, and he begged us to go away critical rather than credulous. I went away sorrowful that such an immense concourse of persons should have assembled to witness a mountain give birth to a mouse.

As the discourse proceeded I was amazed at the clumsy "stage management" employed. Every sentence (save one which shall have special mention), I had heard repeated or read before in speeches of Mr. Krishnamurti since he emerged from his dumb stage in December, 1925. And to make matters worse, every sentence—I say without exaggeration—was repeated three or four times in different ways. So that, boiled down, the lecture could have been delivered in twenty minutes.

He wanted to tell us how to gain "a knowledge of the truth which is life" and with many protestations of modesty he laid down the prerequisites of the understanding he was about to impart.

We are to be (1) devoid of prejudice, (2) in revolt against tradition, and (3) cultivate simplicity—whatever that may mean. Twenty minutes of preparation of the prerequisites, for sweeping away the dust of ages in religion, morals, beliefs, dogmas and "religious paraphernalia," led us to Mr. Krishnamurti's central dogmas, which the audience of Theosophists and Christians assembled in a Quaker meeting house, heard without an articulate gasp. "There is no god

or external power that controls the life of man, except spiritualized man. There are no supernatural men from whom we can have guidance. You must be your own creation, not that of another."

There is no novelty here except that it is Mr. Krishnamurti who speaks these words. The pet of the Theosophical Society comes out as an atheist, rejects the Mahatmas and the divine plan for the government of the world which his guardian has done so much to advertise. I am itching to know if Krishnaji rejects the "Lives of Alcyone," and if not, why not? He has thrown over the Liberal Catholic Church and cannot read Theosophical books. What is left?

"Religion, creeds and dogmas"—thus mixed together—are unnecessary for life," said the World Teacher, if he still be such All we need is to happy. "I have found such happiness, I have attained liberation, and I would like to show you the way. I have found it and will make myself a sign-post only."

With this encouragement we were then told in a few sentences and parables—some of them very inapt—what "the way" was like, and what it involved. I have listened to many sermons and lectures, read many books and written some, and studied the literature and practice of religion for thirty years, as Mr. Krishnamurti knows. I am familiar with the various ideas of "the way" in most religions and philosophies, and I declared that I could make nothing out of the speaker's new way—if it be such.

We have three bodies he told us: mind, emotion and physical body. Each is to become perfect in its own fashion. Very good! But is not the perfection-process precisely what we want to know? The mind

is to be purified—but how? The emotions are to reach the state of immense affection—but again how and why? And the body is to be equally perfect in beauty, restraint and simplicity. The first is to be gotten without the use of face creams, the second without suppression, and the third by neat dress, cleanliness and shaving! This perfection is reached by "the development of personal uniqueness"—a phrase repeated more than once with the impressiveness of a lecturer at La Sorbonne. What it means we did not learn; the forty-five minutes allowed had expired, and we were sent home to think it out for ourselves.

The acme of illogic in Mr. Krishnamurti's case is the presentation of himself to the public as the World Teacher in whom he and his followers must necessarily *believe*. They have said so a thousand times, and he has accepted their belief. Belief is the rock on which the Order of the Star stands. How then can the Head of the Order, sustained by belief, fed and clothed by belief, rightly decry and ridicule the religious beliefs of others "as unnecessary to life?" We are asked to make our minds a *tabula rasa* and to write his name on the empty space. It is too much.

Having explained the creation of the nimbus into which Mr. Krishnamurti steps, and the public reaction natural to such an event, I now must attempt to explain Mr. Krishnamurti—for my own intellectual satisfaction, if for no other's. It was 45 minutes' pain to me to see and hear a youth of thirty floundering in a morass of jejune philosophy mixed for him by the ladies of Leadbeater and Mrs. Besant. He appeared to say a good many true things without knowing that they were well-worn platitudes. He contradicted him-

self many times and his promoters perhaps once every minute.

He borrowed many scraps: "Liberation" from Hinduism, "Atheism" from Buddhism, "happiness" from Aristotle, "beauty" from Plotinus, "beyond good and evil" from Nietzsche, "the simple life" from California, but nothing from the Christian Gospel. Arabian Islam, too, contributes nothing to the melange. But Persian Mysticism, an off-shoot of Islam, has provided Mr. Krishnamurti with his doctrine of "The Beloved" of whom he sings in *vers libre,* copied from Whitman, perhaps, or Sitwell.

The intellectual powers of Mr. Krishnamurti I have watched for several years without admiring them. His logic is very defective, his rhetoric forcible-feeble, his innocent presumption of a teaching function pitifully amusing, his sense of proportion and the fitness of things—most difficult to acquire as between racial cultures—allows him to perpetrate "howlers" which British politeness ignores.

I do not profess to have attained liberation, and I know no single person who has done so; I am aware of the dictum of the mystics that only those who have so attained can recognize one another. Here Mr. Krishnamurti is technically on strong ground: the psychic content of liberation cannot be explained in the language of bondage to the bound, and therefore cannot be challenged! I take the responsibility of saying, however, that I believe a truly liberated, illuminated, absolutely happy person would reveal himself to me in forty-five minutes' discourse, to say nothing of a score of articles and speeches previously perused. But Mr. Krishnamurti conveys to me the feeling of

one who has learned the language, but not obtained the substance of that of which he speaks. No one has noticed that the claim to liberation is a very late one. His promoters have never claimed it for themselves, or for him. Was it an afterthought?

And yet I cannot blame him. He was caught between Scylla of Adyar and Charybdis of Sydney, and has never escaped from their dual control. Serious in purpose, he must be their marionette Messiah, or go down as a fraud. He must play the game and is doing his poor best. "Krishnamurti sees it through" might well be the title of the next book Mr. Wells will write.

I cannot, however, exonerate those who have put this young man into such a false position. They knew what they were doing, and he did not. Time and time again he has tried to "liberate" himself from them, but without success. Lately he has thrown over the Liberal Catholic Church created by Mr. Leadbeater, of which he was to be the Krishna-Christ-Maitreya. He says nothing of the twelve apostles who were appointed to aid him and, as a Master should, he gives them many qualms. I think I know who is the Judas of the company, who will betray him, if he has not already done so.

My readers will now be ready for my concluding words: without attaching special disrespect to its central figure, I consider Mr. Krishnamurti's Mission the greatest fraud of the age.

—The Critic.

THE NEW REPUBLIC

By Abraham Lincoln

IT HAS now been over 60 years since my removal from the physical plane and in all that time I have never once deserted it for a higher level, as I warrant my place is here on Earth, still helping these United States of America to overcome the enemy which has now so strongly entrenched itself within the bulwarks of our glorious Republic. Out of the Old Republic which was born on July 4, 1776, and which gave birth to a Universal Freedom for all minkind has arisen a New Republic. Whilst the Old Republic was born from the without, the New Republic is wholly born from within. The Old Republic appertains to the materialistic relations of the World and their enactment and execution; the New Republic appertains to the Spiritual concomitants of humankind and their immortal relation to the God which animates each and every individual, you and I, and makes us feel, along with Lincoln, that the New Age of Freedom and Equality given birth through blood, tears and sorrow has at last reached its apotheosis in a Universal convocation of the elements, wherein Brotherly Love and the Peace beyond all understanding takes possession of the hearts of all mankind, and instead of living in the basement of our being, the body, we rise into the ethereal atmosphere of mind and spirit and communicate with all the loved ones who have passed on before, as they are all here with us looking out through the windows of our soul.

Now that the American Republic has falken to such a low state of passion, power and possession and the higher attributes of Spirit have been obscured and over-

shadowed; the time has arrived to produce another man equally as great as Abraham Lincoln, who will voice the Will of the People, and speak to them as though he was their very own selves, passed out and come to life again in an immortal Spirit. He must voice the immortal needs of the Republic and show them that by following the false course of commercialism, wealth and earthly possessions spells the defeat and downfall of the American Republic in no short time. For even now, the moneyed powers have conspired together to present two eminent foreigners for a presidential prefiguration and ask the people to slip their heads into a noose that will strangle the individuality out of America in short order and make us a mere cog in the great financial wheel that is functioning to crush the Rights of Man and enthrone a King in America, no less than an emissary of King George and a near relative to Pope Pius.

This is the game to subjugate us, but if I am not much mistaken will come to naught before November next. I believe that the people are now thoroughly aroused with the Foreign King and Pope threatening the dissolution of America and sending their representatives over to take charge and salvage what is left of the American Republic. I see in Herbert Hoover a plot of the ages to so commercialize, standardize and petrify American interests and aspirations that by the time Herbert gets through with four years of rule and ruin, we will all be ready for the ash heap, so far as Americanism is concerned. He is so wrapped up in Foreignism and International relations that just one war declared by Hoover is all it would take to finish this self-governing Republic.

On the other hand, a man who is bound to the laws of the Roman Catholic Church in the personage of Alfred E. Smith, asks us to guide the Ship of State. God help the American Republic if he is ever elected and placed at the helm of our Republic. A man who bows and kisses the hand of a Foreign Cardinal is not a fit man to represent freedom-loving loyal Americans. A man who goes to the confessional chair and imparts all his personal affairs to a garbed cleric is not a fit man to function as the President of this great country. A man who cannot think for himself but who must immediately summon and consult his ecclesiastical superiors whenever anything of momentous occasion arises is not a suitable man to register as the President of these Free-governing United States. The Roman Catholic Church which governs Al Smith's will, thought and action is too dangerous an autocrat to govern our Country through its Presidency.

Now that I have been writing on Presidential qualifications, I wish the American People to enumerate in their minds the four qualities which go to make an honest, liberal, successful American President. 1st. Honesty must be his watch-word. 2nd. Sincerity must be his guide. 3rd. Love of Freedom and of his People must come first in his heart and anything that militates against the Rights of Man must be suppressed and killed before birth. 4th. An ample expression to give vent to the Principles of the Republic and a foresight and intuition which sees the plans of the enemy before their execution and a sixth-sense perception that knows how to handle the enemy in the hours of our Nation's crises. These are all the qualifications that are required of the New President of this New

Republic of which I am speaking.

The four qualifications above enumerated have found fertile soil in a young man here in America and he will come forward at the proper time to guide the Ship of State as it never has been guided since Lincoln's time. I speak of myself in the third person for to me now Lincoln is a part I played while on Earth, but now having risen to the Spiritual realm, I am free to view him as another person than my Spirit Self. I am proud of the part I played and have seen it rehearsed over time again on the Spiritual level, but the part the New President shall portray is even as spectacular as the part assigned to me, only he will not pass away under the adverse conditions which befell my lot.

The New President will give the laws of being in terms of a spiritual philosophy. *He will show the people that they in reality never die,* and all these forms you now see on Earth and which now occupy physical plane development are old spirits in new garbs, playing new parts, but nevertheless old, old spirit, that never, never dies. This New President I am speaking of sees through this whole business and perchance the Women of America today who are more intuitional than the men, being closer to Spirit, know even now who this New President is. I dare say he will be loved by the Women as he loves the Women of today.

Now with his power of perception, insight and spiritual development with his elevation to the Presidency will come a raising of consciousness of the People all over this Planet; for he, representing the Rights of Man, will embody the Spirit from Within,

talking and acting for His People. He assumes, as did Lincoln, the role of the Universal Man and speaks to himself through himself. In other words, his ascending to the Presidency marks the tide of Spiritual affairs here in America come to birth. A New Man eternal in the Heavens has arrived to assume control of Governmental affairs. A New Man of gigantic proportions looks down upon his people from above, from the plane of the Immortal and proclaims the New Freedom under the God come to birth in his own heart. A New Administrator from Heaven has at last arrived to give unto His People a square and just deal and inaugurate into being a New Order of the Ages where the ecclesiasticism which has so long obscured the Light of the Christ Man within us all has come to birth.

With the inauguration this New President and this New Republic will come the introduction of the Millennial Dawn and Peace, Happiness and Universal Brotherhood in the Spirit of God shall hover over the Whole Earth. The Angels of Peace and the Dove of Good Will will inhabit the Earth in kindly deeds, thoughts and a true state of spiritual affinities will entwine our hearts in the Love born of the Immortal, the Love born of the Spirit of God, the Love born out of war, bloodshed and the terrors of Hell will come to birth in the heart of this New President and this New Republic and the Spirit of Abraham Lincoln which now hovers over this article, written by the hand of one of the truest sons America has ever produced, shall Bless and Consecrate the day that America has attained its spiritual birth in the elevation of righteousness and a piety that finds itself in good-will toward

men, and the Goal for which the American Republic was founded, the Spirit of God come to Earth in the Hearts of His People.

Good bye,
Your affectionate
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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SON OF MAN, Or, The Sequel to Evolution

CHAPTER IV.

ADAM'S PLACE IN NATURE.

"The first (man) Adam was made a living soul; the last (or complete) Adam was made a quickening spirit."—1 Cor. xv. 45.

If we would go back to the beginning of the struggle of the human race for immortality we must commence with the history of the first Adam and follow the line of spiritual development to the last or complete Adam or Son of man. For this purpose I shall rely upon sacred history, as I believe it to be the record of a progressive spiritual revelation to the world of the developing spirit organism, a literature of the slow spiritual development of mankind, viz., the development of the Christ principle from the embryo to the Christ organism or Son of man.

It cannot be denied that God has always revealed himself to man in his works; but the conception of a Divine Being, of a Supreme Cause, was accomplished through the slow progressive development of the divine or Christ principle resident or inherent within the soul of primitive man, advancing almost imperceptibly by

an instinctive and spontaneous evolutionary movement.

Just as the knowledge of our ego, self or soul, and of the exterior world, was not acquired spontaneously without effort, reflection, or experience, so the idea of the existence of God, at first embryonic, so to speak, has need of slow and successive efforts of the human mind or soul through which it was conceived, in order to attain its complete development.

Hence God could not reveal himself to man only through his work until such time as the spirit embryo in man should be sufficiently developed to have a spiritual conception of God, which could only be revealed through the intellect to the world; therefore ages upon ages must elapse before God's spiritual nature could be revealed to the world. Such revelation as we have in the Old Testament may be taken as the measure or capacity of spiritual development.

Prior to the time when it was *first* possible for the process of inspiration to take place, there must have been many oral traditions which were handed down from patriarchal times. When Abraham left "Ur of the Chaldees" he probably gathered together these accounts, took them with him, and handed them down to his children; they passed them on to their children, and finally they were embodied by Moses in the Pentateuch, and so became the heritage of the Jewish nation. These narratives cannot be interpreted literally, and, as a matter of fact, no one should attempt so to interpret them. Two facts, however, stated in Genesis concerning man's origin, modern science confirms; viz., first, that man's body consists of dust; and secondly, that the soul of man is not identical with his

body.

It is hard to carry ourselves back to the infancy of the world and think aright of the childhood of the human mind or soul. The simple fancies of savage tribes at the present day were then, in fact, the sober belief of all races. If we are to take the intellectual status of savage tribes at the present day as representative of primitive man's intellectual condition, we must accept their customs and usages as typical of primeval customs and usages, for these are only outward and visible signs of the embryonic mental and spiritual condition.

They could form no conception of general facts, no abstract ideas, only limited association of ideas, a little above the intelligent brute; no notion of natural law or uniformity of nature; they possessed simply a reminiscent, not a constructive imagination. No doubt primitive man possessed a very low form of language, half way between the communications of animals and full human speech, consisting, probably, of gestures and emotional cries which gradually developed into full human speech.

Closely connected with the physical development of man is the question of Preadamitism. Though we may not know the exact year of Adam's birth, we may approximately ascertain it, and this is sufficient for our purpose. The Biblical Adam lived, say, six to ten thousand years ago. Men who lived before Adam, however remote they were, I denominate Preadamites, and in the line of spiritual development I denominate them spirit embryos, holding the conditions of immortality in embryo. The progressive development of the mind or soul of the Preadamites was the prepara-

tion for and the prophecy of a spiritual development. It is not to be supposed that an idea of God had at any time entered the mind of primitive man prior to the birth of Adam; hence in the spiritual line we speak of Adam as the first man, or as the first Adam. Adam according to this view would be considered not a specific name, like "Smith" or "Jones," but simply a *generic* term, applied to the first human being who had reached a certain condition or stage of development; hence with Adam *begins* a *new* epoch of development, a new departure, perhaps as great a differentiating as had taken place when the first *human* being was differentiated from the lower animal.

At any rate, at this epoch Adam and Eve were selected from the common herd of human beings, and through some divine energy or effluence were raised above the common herd of Preadamites, and a higher race of human beings sprung from Adam and Eve. That Eve had a spiritual conception of God cannot be denied, if we give credence to the exclamation of Eve at the birth of her first child, "I have gotten a man from the Lord." And from this fact, no doubt, the sons of Adam and Eve came to be called "the sons of God." No doubt the sons and daughters of *men,* viz., the Preadamites, were as fair to look upon as the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve. As the differentiating alluded to had taken place within the soul of Adam and Eve, the *first,* and we might say the faintest, impulse had been given to the slumbering Christ principle or spirit embryo. Therefore it is not improbable that the "sons of God," viz., the sons of Adam and Eve, "saw the daughters of men [Preadamites] that they were fair; and they took them

wives of all which they chose." This supposition agrees with the Biblical statement that Cain's wife was a woman of the country to which he fled. She was a daughter of the Preadamite race. Seth must have married one of the "daughters of men," or Preadamites; there was no alternative unless he married his own sister. At this date Adam's daughters are not stated to have been born.

The foregoing supposition demonstrated the fact that "the sons of God," *i. e.,* sons of Adam, intermarrying with the "daughters of men," *i. e.,* Preadamites, caused immediate degeneration, and the genealogy of the patriarchs from Adam to Noah would be a mixed genealogy of the Adamic and Preadamite races so far as they intermarried with the Adamic race, *i. e.,* "sons of God." At the time of the Deluge the whole Preadamite race were swept out of existence, leaving only Noah, a lineal descendant of the Adamic and Preadamite races, and his wife and his three sons and their wives, making "eight souls" in all. Although the Preadamite race was destroyed by the Flood the race did not become extinct, it still lived in Noah and his descendants.

It will be observed that during the Adamic period the progress of spiritual development was retarded by what in the order of nature might be called a curse or "fall," viz., the intermarrying of "the sons of God," Adam's sons, with the "daughters of men"—Preadamites. The natural result was twofold, presupposing that a true or upward *spiritual* evolutionary movement had begun with the birth of Adam—*vitiation* of the Adamic race, and consequent *degeneration.* The attempt to elevate the race had been naturally thwarted.

Three possibilities of life, according to science, are open to all living organism,—balance, evolution, and degeneration. From the state of apparent balance, evolution is the escape in the *upward* direction, degeneration in the lower. Professor Le Conte thus defines evolution: "Evolution is (1) continuous *progressive* change; (2) according to certain laws; (3) and by means of *resident forces.*"

The first part of the definition is well illustrated in the development of the physical body. Each one of us is an evolution. We begin our existence as a minute germ, which adds cell to cell, tissue to tissue, organ to organ, and function to function, until we are finally evolved as infants; and then we continue to develop into men and women. Here we see "progressive change," and this happens according to certain laws which are, generally speaking, three; viz., the law of differentiating, the law of progress of the whole, and the law of cyclical movement.

The law of differentiating simply means the law of *divergence,* and is illustrated by the development of the acorn into the oak. The tree begins as a little seed, and by successive branching and rebranching, each branch taking a different direction and all growing wider and wider apart, differentiating, until it finally stands forth complete.

The second law is that of progress of the whole. "Many imagine," says Professor Le Conte, "that *progress* is the *one* law of evolution; in fact, that evolution and progress are coextensive and convertible terms. They imagine that in evolution the movement must be upward and onward in *all* parts; that degeneration is the opposite of evolution. This is far from true. There

is, doubtless, in evolution progress to higher and higher planes, but not along *every* line nor in *every* part; for this would be contrary to the law of differentiation. It is only progress of *the whole organic kingdom in its entirety.*"

The third law of evolution is that called the law of cyclical movement. In other words, although the evolutionary movement has ever been onward and upward, yet it has not traveled at a *uniform rate* in the whole, much less in the parts, but it has moved in successive *cycles.* 'The tide of evolution rose ever higher and higher, without ebb, but it nevertheless came in successive *waves,* each higher than the preceding and overborne by the succeeding."

Thus the first two of our definitions of evolution, namely, that it is a progressive change according to the laws of differentiation, cyclical movement, and progress of the whole, have been explained. The last, which teaches *that these changes are produced by forces resident in the organisms themselves,* is perhaps the most important, and the part which I wish particularly to emphasize. "When the evolutionist," says Professor Le Conte, "speaks of the forces that determine progressive changes in organic forms as *resident* or inherent, all that he means, or ought to mean, is that they are resident in the same sense as all natural forces are resident; in the same sense that the *vital forces of the embryo* are resident in the embryo; in other words, they are natural and not supernatural."

When I speak of the Christ principle or spirit embryo being *resident* or *inherent* in the soul, all that I mean is, that it is resident in the same sense as all natural forces are resident, in the same sense that the

vital forces of the condition of immortal spirit, the image of God, is resident. Then the soul of Adam contained a *living* or immortal principle; individuation had been completed to actual separation, the resident force had attained spiritual individuality, it had become a separate entity or ego, although *only* a spirit embryo.

The question might now be asked, Did Adam attain *personal* immortality? To which I should unhesitatingly answer *no*. Then follows the interrogative, Why? Simply because the spirit embryo resident in the soul of Adam did *not come to birth,* did not become a spirit organism, a conscious spiritual being. As the development from the embryo to the spirit organism must take place while in the body, failing to accomplish this, there was but one alternative, when the dissolution of the material body took place, being an unconscious entity spirit, to complete its evolution it must again become the *resident* of a *material body.* "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats [or even of man] could take away sins," or develop the *divine* in man. "Wherefore when he [Jesus] cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, *but a body hast thou prepared for me.*"

If a body was prepared, or ready, for the residence of the spirit embryo that was to develop into Jesus, the ideal Christ or Son of man, is it unreasonable to suppose that material conditions are ready to receive other spirit embryos, as the Christ principle is resident in the embryo, the divine incarnation, is *natural,* and *not* supernatural, and that it is developed under the foregoing laws of evolution? There is in spiritual

evolution progress to higher and higher planes, and that progress may be traced *through* the *ages* of *eternity that have elapsed* between the birth of Adam and the present time, from six to ten thousand years, but not along *every* line nor in *every* part; for this would be contrary to the law of differentiation. It is only progress of *the whole spiritual kingdom in its entirety.*

Then the all-important question is immortality. All the other questions of Christianity sink into insignificance in comparison with this. The question is not whether the divine or Christ principle is immortal; that we know; but it is in relation to the *individual.* Perhaps this point cannot be better illustrated than by going back to the Adamic period.

As regards the individual immortality of the Preadamites that question may be settled by a wave of the hand. "Their bodies returned to dust," or inorganic matter, "and their spirit to God who gave it," or emerged into the general fund of unorganized spirit.

But with the birth of Adam begins a new differentiation. The first (man) Adam was made a *living* soul, differentiated from the *sentient* principle or animal soul to the Christ principle or immortal spirit. It has now reached the rational plane in spiritual evolution.

Taking the Biblical record of the Adamic period, there is but one who I should say attained *personal* immortality, endless life, and that was Enoch. It is said that "Enoch walked with God," or communed with God; "and he *was not,*" or *was lifted* up, "for God took him." The lifting up does not refer to his *body* in this instance; neither where Jesus said, "If I *be*

lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

Do not understand me to say that I believe one spirit embryo of the Adamic period, or the descendants of Adam, perished. They simply did *not* complete their individuation by becoming spirit organism or *conscious* spiritual beings, and thus *attain* resurrection *during* the *Adamic* period. The spirit embryos or entities had only just begun their individual evolution. We begin our spiritual existence as a minute germ, *i. e.,* Christ principle or embryo, which adds *spiritual* cell to cell, tissue to tissue, organ to organ, and function to function, until we finally come to spiritual birth, evolved as spiritual infants; and then we continue to develop into *conscious* spiritual beings.

The mistake is made in supposing that spirit progression or evolution takes place wholly *after* the spirit has left the body, which it is evident is *contrary* to the laws of evolution. Spiritual evolution to the degree of organization and consciousness must take place in the soul, the natural environment of the resident or inherent spirit embryo. Another mistaken idea is that "spirit" *knows* everything. A spirit embryo knows nothing whatever, not even its own existence; its evolution consists in advancing or unfolding in spiritual knowledge. "And Jesus *increased* in *wisdom* and stature, and in *favor with God* and man."

Suppose, then, in the line of evolution, that in the beginning of the history of the human being, in the first man Adam there existed, inherent or resident, the completed sentient principle or *human soul,* and within the *human* soul the divine or Christ principle, two natures, Adam's offspring would begin to develop the *one* on the other side of such nature; by successive

branching and rebranching, each branch taking a different direction and all growing wider and wider apart (differentiating), we would in due time be presented with the developed soul, the moral and intellectual man, and the developed Christ principle, spiritual man, prophet, or son of man. "As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *which have been since the world began,*" which was equivalent to saying, As Zacharias supposed that the beginning of the world was within six days of the creation of Adam, since the birth of Adam. Hence, when *spirit* came to birth and maturity it produced what we denominate a prophet, or son of man. When the *soul* comes to birth we have the thinker, inventor, scientist. All unaware we have discovered the secret source of fountain-head of religion and science.

Science has explored its branch to its source. The fact of evolution is fully established, and almost universally accepted by those who are authorities in science. Thus Professor Le Conte says, "We are confident that evolution is *absolutely* certain." When the scientific *religionist* has explored the other branch, viz., the Christ principle, he will be able to say that *spiritual* evolution, or the theory of the Christ principle, is established. And then in the place of traditional authority we shall have a new science one step higher than psychology; but as I am not able to divine the name of this new science I will call it Christology, the science of the development of the spirit organism from the Christ principle to the Christ, or Son of man. Then we shall have the last chapter, or *sequel* to evolution.

It should be carefully borne in mind that the *theory* of the Christ principle and the *fact* of the Christ prin-

ciple are two entirely different things: my *theory* may be faulty, while the *fact* will remain intact. I am an evolutionist. I believe that man has been evolved, *body, soul, and spirit,* from a lower animal form; and that is not *all;* the half hath not been spoken; that resident or inherent within the *human* soul is the germ of a divine soul or organism, and upon the *evolution* or *development* of this *divine* germ, Christ principle, rests our hope of individual immortality. Hence with the *first* man, Adam, began our evolutionary struggle for individual immortality, which process culminated in the last or complete Adam, which was made, not only a quickened, but a *quickening* spirit. Hence the quickened spirit has the power of quickening the spirit embryo in others, as the developed intellect has the power of quickening the dormant intellect in others.

The steps of spiritual evolution are not uniform. We have to look upon the spiritual development of the prophets not as a normal but a supernormal development. The spirit was hampered; it had no power of expression on account of the undeveloped intellect. Thus inspiration was limited, as the soul that is inspired must have within itself a basis of knowledge, material, so to speak, for the new creation.

—To be continued.

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I am casting my vote as per yours of 6-30, and will make a guess from information I can gather 70 per cent of the rank and file of both Republican and Democrats of Idaho will support neither of the two candidates, Hoover nor Smith. First we had to live on corn chop and mouldy barley flour and pay two prices for same, during the time we Hooverized and as to Mr. Smith, there are, will say 90 per cent, opposed to a Catholic (Roman) to occupy the president's chair. If the God-fearing people and the true AMERICANS will stand hitched we can elect a president on a third party ticket.

Quoting Brisbane from the Portland Telegram, the Republican platform will accept Senator Borah's proposal of rigid enforcement, which means exactly nothing. We are supposed to have strict enforcement which means rigid collection of bribe money. He is

judging by the past and is correct. Unless there is a third party there will be lots of people that will not vote. —A Reader, F. Z.

Allentown Pa., July 8, 1928

To The Editor:
Dear Mr. Lang—

I wish to congratulate you on your wonderful work, especially on the truly greatest master-piece of the age "Al Smith and the National Campaign."

I thought so much of this well-presented article that I have just finished memorizing it to use as a speech before members of an organization of which I am proud to belong. Please notify me if you wish the article not used. I'm telling my friends about your magazine and am sure most of them will subscribe. I get every issue hot from the press. Some Magazine.

Yours truly,
JOHN HAND

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142 N. Second St., Allentown, Pa.
July 17, 1928

Dear Mr. Richeimer:

I do wish you would send me 100 copies of the April number of Divine Life with the envelopes for mailing. Please send them C. O. D. and collect at the front office —— Hotel.

Sincelely B. M. L.

Room ———

June 20, 1928, Moncut, California.

Mr. Harry R. Lang,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Dr. David Starr Jordan, Chancellor of the Stanford University, probably as able a man as there is in the country, says, "University Presidents ought to have large salaries, because they save the country." In my opinion the Divine Life is doing more to save the country than all the University Presidents there are in it. The great trouble with the most of University men is if they have got a thought that would be a benefit to humanity, they are too cowardly to express it. I told Dr. Jordan so, too. He lectured on Evolution in San Francisco once or twice. Ambrose Bierce, the great writer and a great satirist, a man who had the courage of his convictions, wrote for papers on this coast for a score of years. He used to answer questions put to him by the people in the papers he wrote for. A farmer's son wrote to Bierce and asked him if he thought Dr. Jordan erred in being an Evolutionist. Bierce's answer was, "If you must forsake the plow to harrow him paint the lily of his liver." I don't see anything white livered about the publishers of the Divine Life. In the April issue. It is just such publications that are saving the country, and if I had wealth I would regard it my duty to sustain them. Henry Ward Beecher, regarded by a good many people as the greatest preacher who ever lived, whose church was the Plymouth, Brooklyn, New York, lectured on Evolution in San Francisco, about four years before his death, and the papers at the time said he is creating a furore; "he seems to seek the religion

of men." He said he would rather leave a child "the gifts of nature" than the wealth of an Astor. The Astors at that time were probably worth 30 millions. I was a young man at the time and I commenced to think, reason and investigate as to what the gifts of Nature are, so much more desirable than great wealth, and after a while I was able to define it. I will state Prof. Denton's definition, he was an eminent geologist and he lectured on Evolution years ago in San Francisco. He said in part: "A great many people even here in this city imagine this universe to be a cold lifeless corpse with no soul to it, while to me every atom of it is instinctive of life and intelligence." It is the esthetic, the science of the beautiful in Nature.

John Greenleaf Whittier, our poet, wrote the following on Evolution:

Come glimpses of my sight,
Through the present wrong,
The eternal right.
And "step by step" since time began
I have seen the steady gain of man.
We lack but open eye to find it here
The Heavens are glassed in Merrimac,"
What more can Jordan render back?
Slaves rise up,
Men the olive waves
That song now low, now far
In time shall swell from star to star,
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